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Vice President for Admissions and Financial Aid H. Conrad Warlick.

Photo by Mark Bentley

## Editorial

## Recognition

They're starting to show. All of the positive steps this campus has taken lately are starting to show. One look at the number of applicants tells us this. In 1979, 1,330 people applied for admission to MWC. This year that figure is up to approximately 2,622. We are losing the suitcase college label and keeping a tough college reputation.

Much of the credit for this turn of events goes to H. Conrad Warlick and the rest of the Admissions staff. Warlick says he has a great team, and the statistics prove him right. Applicant figures at other college's are levelling off or even falling during this time of declining young adult population. But at MWC the number of applicants have doubled in the five years.

True, the Admissions office fudges a little on their outstanding publications (The best in the state, says Warlick.) by putting an equal number of men and women in the pictures. But for the most part, the picture the Admissions office paints of MWC is a true one. And the days of a more even ratio are not that far away.

A few years ago, students would yell "Don't come here." to the tour groups. Now, the heckling has stopped and tours thrive under the direction of the Admissions Club. Since those days of under 1,500 applicants, our attitudes have improved even more than the applicant figure itself. We are now much more likely to speak proudly of our school because there is much to be proud of.

Mary Washington College still has a way to go in improving its social life, balancing the male/female ratio and increasing the number of black students. But everyone from student to administration is working hard on these problems, and the improvements will continue.

And as they do, our colleagues in Charlottesville and Williamsburg will be forced to admit that while the past social life here may have been laughable, our academic standards never have been and are not today.

As the word spreads of our changing, yet still traditional, college, we will become every bit as selective as other liberal arts colleges are. The overworked Admissions staff, while excited about the prospect of even more applicants to MWC, may in some ways fear the avalanche of applications. However, we at *The Bullet* applaud it, welcome it and say it's about time.

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## Greek Disadvantages Argued

To the Editor:

After having witnessed the energetic campaign waged by the proponents of the referendum to investigate a possible Greek system at this college, I was not in the least surprised to hear of their impressive victory. As this victory does not ensure establishment of a system but could easily be construed as an overwhelming show of student support for its institution (and not a mere curiosity), I want to offer some input from the negative side of the campus.

I am not condemning Greek systems in general. I only hope to offer some points that I feel question the feasibility of a Greek system on this campus.

1. Most opponents of the Greek system on this campus protest that it would result in the campus' division into closed "cliques." At large universities where classes may contain hundreds of students and housing is often scarce, fraternities and sororities are almost a practical and social necessity. On this small campus, where everybody knows

everybody, it seems unlikely that "frats" could do anything but break up the campus. Greek supporters to whom I spoke assured me they do not want the campus divided, but they did not propose how they would prevent division (if that is possible). Intrafrat activities might promote some temporary unity, but a tendency towards isolation could nevertheless threaten to the warm friendliness I have always encountered on this campus. True, schools our size and smaller have Greek systems. I suggest

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## Day Student Questions SA Elections

To the editor:

I would like to take time to comment about the way the Student Association elections were run. For those who are not aware, the elections did not follow the proper procedures as stated in the handbook for this academic year.

As the handbook states, absentee ballots should have been made available to those students who would not be able to vote on campus on the scheduled days of both the preliminary and final elections. The preliminary election began at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 6. Absentee ballots were made available in the commuting students lounge at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 5.

It should also be known that these ballots were only made available after candidate Kevin Rietz complained to Renee Allen, one of the chairpersons of the rules and procedures committee, the committee which officially oversees and runs the SA elections. This was also carried out after Kevin Rietz met Monday afternoon with Executive Vice President A. Ray Merchant.

While Vice President Merchant was helpful and concerned in the matter, the student leaders were not. A request was made to postpone the election two days but this was denied. Although the election officials realized their error, they felt it would be unfair to the other candidates to have to wait for the results of a postponed election. They had waited long enough, it was said.

I phoned current SA President Dan Steen Monday night and he acted as if he didn't care. Other day students who called Renee Allen say they felt as if she didn't care.

I don't understand the decisions of our student leaders. The election did not follow proper procedures, plain and simple. The student leaders should know that, they wrote the rules. Earlier this academic year, there was a problem with an election held by class council leaders. They admitted their mistake and the elec-

tion was held again. Why is this different?

Are some leaders too good to make a mistake? Or are they really concerned about the fact that students who wanted to vote couldn't? The night I spoke with Dan Steen and others spoke to Renee Allen, when there was still time to correct the error, nobody seemed to care.

Sincerely,  
Warren Arbogast

## SA Elections Defended

Open letter to the MWC Voting Community:

Concerning the controversy dealing with the recently held SA elections, we of the Rules and Procedures Committee would like to clarify the issue of absentee ballots for commuting students. As stated in the student handbook, "Absentee ballots may be obtained (24 hours before the election) in the event of internships, illness or unforeseen circumstances at the discretion of the Rules and Procedures Committee." The voting procedure requires that ballots can only be issued upon the presentation of a MWC I.D.

Therefore, we feel that we could not leave unattended ballots in the commuting students lounge. Had any commuting student approached their Rules and Procedures Commit-

tee, he could have obtained an absentee ballot. However, we received no such requests. Due to these circumstances, we feel modification to the past election would not be in order.

We do feel, however, that an issue has been raised that should not be overlooked. Election rules should be revised so as to achieve greater commuting student representation and we will do all that we can to see that action is taken concerning this matter.

Our sincere thanks are extended to all candidates, the Senators who helped with the elections, the voters and all those who donated their time and effort to help make the elections a success.

Respectfully submitted  
The Senate Rules and Procedures Committee

Letters to the Editor are continued on pages 9 and 11.

THE BULLET NEEDS YOU TO  
HELP UP FILL THIS SPACE

Applications are now being accepted for all positions on the 1984-85 *Bullet* staff. Applications should be submitted to ACL 304. Questions? Call X4393 or any member of the staff.

Dear Readers,

Letters to the Editor are encouraged, but due to space limitations some restrictions must be enforced. Letters should be typed, and should not exceed 500 words (approximately two typed double spaced pages). The deadline for letters to the Editor is the Thursday before publication. Letters will be edited for spelling, punctuation and clarity but not for content. Exceptions to the length restriction have been made in the past, but due to the recent influx of extremely lengthy letters, we will not do so in the future.

Thank you,  
The Bullet Staff

# Election Winners Announced

by KATHY MCDONALD

"The voter-turnout for 1984 elections was great," said Renee Allen Co-Chairman of the SA Rules and Regulations Committee. "The number of students who voted was 1090, an increase of 27.6 percent from last year," she said.

The announcement of the 1984-85 election results began with Allen reporting the passage of two referendums included on this year's ballot. The first concerned the formation of a committee to explore the possibilities of establishing a Greek system at MWC. This referendum, strongly supported by about 40 MWC men who are members of an off-campus fraternity, passed 735 to 345 votes.

The second referendum concerned the establishment of a committee to look into modifying the college seal. This referendum was also favorably received by the student body, passing 622 to 445 votes. The announcement of those

candidates who ran unopposed followed the results of the referendums. Sara Jones, Suzanne Maddox and Terry Zeterberg accepted the offices of Honor Council President, Lobby and Academic Affairs Chairman, respectively.

Ginny McNeill was announced as the new Inter-Club Association President, having run unopposed following Sophomore Scott Kaplan's withdrawal.

Student Association President Dan Steen continued the announcement of election results with the office of Judicial Chairman. "The race between candidates for Judicial Chairman was very close," said Steen.

Junior Kimberly Slayton defeated incumbent Michael D'Amico taking 50.2 percent of the votes. Said Slayton of her victory, "I'm both surprised and happy! I'm looking forward to next year and I've already warned my roommate that we're going to get even more phone calls in the middle of the night".

Kim Holcomb, current SA Vice-President, announced that Abas

Adenan would be his successor. Adenan received 51.4 percent of the votes in another close race, defeating Wendy Stone. "One of the first things I'd like to do is thank everyone who helped in my campaign. I'm looking forward to gathering with next year's cabinet to begin making plans for 1984-85," said Adenan.

The ceremony ended with the announcement of the new Student Association President, Amy Blasch. Blasch's first response was to thank all the students who came out to vote. "I was glad to see that so many students showed an interest in the future of the college," she said.

Blasch defeated current SA Vice-President Kim Holcomb, taking 62 percent of the votes. Said Blasch of the campaigns and elections, "It was a tough race and there were many qualified candidates. I'm looking forward to a lot of hard work next year, but I know it will be worthwhile! I think we're going to have a fantastic cabinet next year."



S.A. President-Elect Amy Blasch.

Photo by Mark Bentley

## Unofficial Fraternity Organized

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

After endless hours of research, campaigning, organization and plain hard work, the members of Delta Sigma Nu, the unofficial fraternity of Mary Washington College, were visibly ecstatic at the passage of the Greek referendum which appeared on last Thursday's ballot.

Delta Sigma Nu, so far the most successful example of interest in Greek system here, got its start last year when a group of friends began seriously considering the possibility of a fraternity at MWC.

Scott Defusco, Hank McDonald, Kyle McKibben and Jorge de la Rosa, the initiators of the most recent fraternity attempt, began small scale organization last year, but their efforts were hardly known when a referendum calling for the establishment of a Greek system failed here last year.

The original group of four gradually grew to 13 brothers. These 13 began visiting fraternities at other colleges, compiling information and soliciting advice. The group eventually chose Sigma Nu as the national group they wished to join.

Essential in the choice of Sigma Nu was its ranking in the top 10 of the 67 national fraternities, its strong alumni association and the large number of Sigma Nu fraternities among Virginia colleges.

The "Delta" preceding Sigma Nu signifies that the fraternity here is still considered unofficial. The brothers' goal is to eventually become officially recognized by the school, at which time they can then apply for an actual Sigma Nu charter.

In the meantime, Delta Sigma Nu is going through the initial rituals of establishment. They have already chosen a six-man council to head the fraternity, developed a rough set of

by-laws and gone through a pledge period.

During the pledge period there were group activities and open social events to get the prospectives acquainted and formal interviews with the council. Each pledge member is expected to familiarize himself with the Sigma Nu history and is required to collect signatures and information from the 13 original brothers.

According to the brothers, all activities function to establish friendships among them. Based on their observations from the pledge period, the original 13 sent bids (invitations to join) to 45 males from a broad spectrum of dorms and from every class, including freshmen. Forty-one responded but the final return after dues was 31.

Delta Sigma Nu has apparently created positive attitudes among those who have pledged this semester. The most beneficial aspect of their pledging activities seems to have been the development of new friendships. Freshman Markland Benson remarked that before pledging started he had developed friendships only with people on his floor. Pledging presented the chance to get to know guys outside his dorm.

Sophomore Mike Stough also noted that the fraternity was promoting a "good sense of brotherhood" among members. "You learn to get along with a lot of different guys," said Stough.

Such comments seem to reflect the pledges' pride in what they are working towards. Freshmen pledge Jim Broyhill was echoed by many pledges when he mentioned that he considered it an honor to be a part of founding this new student organization.

The brothers say that they, and the other sororities and fraternities that many follow, will also furnish

various services for the college and community. Donations of time, money and man power, providing a greater alumni interest are just a few of the possible benefits a Greek system could bring to MWC, if approved, they say.

The many opportunities for members of a Greek system to contribute to their surrounding community can lead to better understand-

ing and better relations between community and college, point out the brothers.

Delta Sigma Nu has already raised money and made donations to the American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes. In the near future, the fraternity plans to sponsor a swim party for the Rappahanock Big Brother/Big Sister program.

There have been several attempts

their own. The result would be either mass exodus from campus or grouping of fraternity or sorority members into sections of dorms (a sort of unofficial "house"), inconveniencing and possibly driving off non-Greek residents.

3. Pro-Greek campaigners claim that a Greek system will provide community and campus services and improve social life at MWC. First of all, I don't think that people who want to render service need a frat or sorority to persuade them to do it. Second, there are already plenty of service clubs on campus to take care of any organizational work themselves. Perhaps potential Greeks might consider joining one of the many campus or community service organizations.

That campus social life will see any overwhelming improvements as a result of a Greek system I doubt. In the nearly four years I have been here I have watched campus entertainment expand from one movie and a kegger per weekend with an occasional concert or theater production. If the frats became The Places To Be on weekends what would remain for students who wanted an alternative?

4. Advocates of a Greek system claim that it would benefit the school by attracting prospective students. I pointed out to pro-Greek campaigners that many students chose

to establish fraternities and sororities at MWC in the past, but the development of Delta Sigma Nu is the first attempt to ever accomplish so much towards acceptance by the college and the student body. The dedication of the original brothers has even earned them a letter of commendation from the Executive Director of Sigma Nu, whose national headquarters are in Lexington, Va.

this school specifically because there is no Greek system. They responded that I hadn't met all those who chose not to enroll for the same reason. Are we going to try to be everything to everybody? If so, let's go Greek, start a football team, add an engineering major...If not, we don't have too much to worry about. This school has plenty going for it as it is. The introduction of a Greek system could easily send us the way of so many other schools that have, rightly or wrongly, acquired the stigma of being "party schools" because of their active Greek systems. A big university with an old and prestigious name may be able to defeat this reputation; a small school like ours probably could not.

The pro-Greeks insist that, none of the problems foreseen by their opponents need ever arise. They claim they want to tailor the system to this school's standards and requirements and not just follow the systems of other schools. But they do not propose how they plan to prevent all these problems, and they cannot assure with a reasonable certainty that any standards set can or will be maintained. I hope that this letter can convince students of the need to consider carefully a step that will cause major changes here at MWC.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Ann Sharretts

### Greek

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gest we look to those schools and ask ourselves if we really want what they have before we make any final decisions.

2. On that note, let us consider the problem of housing. Off-campus housing is a possibility already explored by some pro-Greeks. Fredericksburg is notoriously wary of students, however so no matter how active frats become in community service, they will have to be very well-behaved for quite some time before local suspicion begins to dwindle.

On-campus housing is another problem. I noted to some pro-Greeks that they had few alternatives in this case: get the administration to buy a piece of land or build on campus (But let's remain in the realm of reality.), take over the small houses or set aside sections of dorms. Small house residents would doubtless object to the second options; setting aside floors of dorms might interfere with dorm unity and reduce the alternatives available to non-Greek students. The people to whom I spoke were optimistic about this problem, pointing out that fraternities at some colleges do not have houses or halls set apart from the non-Greeks. I suspect at least some of the Greeks would want a place of



# Team Effort Brings Applicant Increase

by DEONA HOUFF

Mary Washington College has seen a 90 percent increase in its number of applicants since 1979. So far there has been a 12 percent increase since 1983, according to Conrad Warlick, Vice President for Admissions and Financial Aid, who attributes the jump to his staff and the school itself.

In 1979, 1,330 students applied to MWC. Admission was offered to 1,085 and 618 enrolled. In 1983, 2,448 students applied, 1,452 were accepted and 651 enrolled. Thus far in 1984, approximately 2,622 have applied.

In 1983, the average SAT scores of applicants were 472 verbal and 495 math. The average scores of those admitted were 505 verbal and 525

math. The average scores of those who enrolled were 500 verbal and 519 math.

"I can't believe we don't have a line all the way to the 14th Street Bridge waiting to see us," said Warlick. "We have the best of both worlds. We offer a distinguished 'private school' education at public school costs. We are unique among state supported institutions—small and high quality. We're different."

Warlick said his staff has done a fine job of informing prospective students about MWC's unique qualities. "Our staff knows the college extremely well. We have a superb admissions staff," he said.

Warlick added that he often hears that MWC's presentation at the various recruitment functions was the best one. The publications out of

the admissions office (brochures) have won several competitions.

Besides his full time staff, Warlick depends on three recent graduates, "admissions counselors," per fall to inform prospective students about MWC. Letters seeking such counselors for 1984 have already gone out to seniors, said Warlick. Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Jennifer Blair served as an admissions counselor, as did past Student Association president Anne Thompson.

Warlick also complimented the Admissions Club, saying he has received letters that praised the tour guides for being "nice and helpful." "We simply have a good team," said Warlick.

The increase in applicants has slowed the admissions process said

Warlick. Five years ago letters of acceptance were sent on Washington's Birthday. This year the staff is aiming for the first day of spring. Warlick likes to send things on special days. In the past, his office has sent Declarations to Continue on Valentine's Day.

The process is a lengthy one as every committee member carefully examines every application, said Warlick, whose office is currently littered with piles of applications waiting to be reviewed.

"We (the committee) are a group of people making human decisions on human terms," said Warlick. There is no SAT cutoff score and applicants are always considered on a combinations of things, said Warlick.

This year's committee includes

Warlick and faculty members Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Miriam Hoge, Associate Professor of Economics Robert Rycroft, Associate Professor of Sociology Joan Olson, Associate Professor Richard Warner and Assistant Professor of Mathematical Sciences Marie Sheekles, who is currently on leave. Steve Hampton, Assistant Professor of Psychology, chairs the committee.

The suggested filing date for applications was March 1. No applications were reviewed until that time. Warlick hopes to get some letters of acceptance out on March 30 so that some applicants will receive theirs on that first day of spring. The deadline for accepting enrollment is May 1.

## Active Admissions Staff Travels, Recruits Early

by RICHARD EHRLE

"We have to think quite far in advance," said Dr. H. Conrad Warlick, Vice-President for Admissions and Financial Aid in discussing the college's recruiting of prospective students. "We've already started the recruiting for August 1985 and have already ordered our student search," said Warlick.

Part of the advanced recruitment involves sending letters, making phone calls, and mailing offers out to prospective students. To determine which students might be qualified for Mary Washington, the admissions office initiates a student search. This involves looking at pro-

spective student's class rank, record and college board scores. The admissions office also searches prospective students by the program they are interested in, disregarding students who want to study specific programs which Mary Washington does not offer, such as engineering and architecture.

In recruiting students to MWC the admissions staff follows a planned program of travel from Boston to Miami, between the months of September and December. "It attends a number of college fairs in the spring in Boston, Hartford, Long Island and other places," said Warlick. At college day or night the school is represented by a profes-

sional staff member or in other cases by "admissions counselors," who are recent graduates hired for the specific purpose of travelling for MWC during the fall months.

In Virginia alone, the admissions staff travels on a ten week circuit beginning in the southwest of the state. "We visit local schools fairly early and by the last two weeks of September thirty schools in Northern Virginia have been visited," said Warlick.

Mary Washington competes against small private and against larger universities by advertising itself as a relatively small and residential coeducational undergraduate college. In order to

attract more male applicants all publications printed by the college refer to Mary Washington as MWC and prominently display as many men as women. Such is the case with the newly designed brochure for high school juniors, developed by Dr. Warlick. The brochure is a breakthrough, as no other college in Virginia has a brochure targeted

specifically to high school juniors.

In recruiting black students a special student search is initiated. A separate brochure on black students is mailed along with a prospective student application sheet. "Beyond this," said Warlick, "two different follow up mailings for black are sent and each application is followed with a personal letter."

## Scholarships Given For Need, Merit

by SUSAN LOYD

An area which is often overlooked, yet vital in the promotion of Mary Washington College is the scholarship program. Prospective MWC students and those already enrolled have a large number of merit based and need based scholarships available to them.

The major merit based scholarship offered to incoming freshmen is the MWC Regional Scholarship. In order to be eligible, a high school senior must be in the top ten percent of his class or have a score of 1000 or above on their SATs and be nominated by their guidance counselor. The scholarships are awarded by regional alumni committees which choose twenty students from Virginia's ten congressional districts and five students from out of state.

Those students who are selected by the alumni committees are awarded \$1500 per year, provided they maintain a GPA of 2.5 during their freshman year and 3.0 during all subsequent years.

To prospective and currently enrolled students who reside in the Virginia counties of King George, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Richmond, Lancaster, Essex or King and Queen, the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid automatically awards the Lalla Gresham Ball scholarship. In order to receive the \$800 award, those who qualify are notified by the Office and if interested must sign the award notice

and maintain at least a C average on all academic work.

A number of scholarships are available through the office of Admissions and Financial Aid for those strictly in need of financial aid. Included in this group is the Bushnell Scholarship, the Mary Washington College Anonymous Scholarships, State Scholarships, and the Martin Luther King Memorial Scholarship.

MWC also offers special scholarships which are not administered by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. The Aurelia B. Walford Scholarships in Music and the J. Binford Walford Scholarships in Architecture are two such awards. The Aurelia B. Walford Scholarships are available to music majors, while the J. Binford Walford Scholarships are available to those majoring in architecture-related majors such as art history, studio art and historic preservation.

Both scholarships offer maximum awards which may equal the in-state tuition and fees for a year at MWC.

Other special scholarships available include the World War Orphan's Education Benefits, the Biology Scholarship, the Lt. General Albert J. Bowley Scholarship Fund and the Lester D. Crow Scholarship for Student Teachers.

Any student interested in learning more about the above scholarships or others not mentioned should contact the Associate Dean for Financial Aid, Robert MacDonald. Literature on all the scholarships available is in his office, GW 307.

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# Leadership Skills Promoted

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

A student leadership program to be geared toward the development of high-quality, innovative skills may soon be at Mary Washington College. The concept of such a program has just been recently approved by the Board of Visitors. Dean Joanne Southworth, with the help of Dean Bill Baker, has undertaken the task of formulating a program to suit the needs of MWC.

According to the written proposal

presented to the BOV, the leadership program would revolve around two specific purposes: 1) To assist in the development of personal qualities of leadership among students and 2) To enhance over all quality of campus life, through the improved effectiveness of various student organizations.

According to Dean Southworth, the leadership program would most likely incorporate programs already proven successful at the University of North Carolina with modifica-

tions to fit the different needs of our college.

Suggested elements for the possible program include an organization for students already in leadership positions, a club for campus organization officers, an organization for freshmen (potential leaders), the establishment of a credited course on "Developing Leadership" and the availability of a faculty advisor group for consultation concerning leadership programs.

Although many leadership positions are available throughout campus in organizations such as Class Council, the Student Association and various clubs, there has never been any formal leadership training available for these leaders, said Southworth.

While past and present campus leaders have learned about leadership largely through their own initiative, the leadership programs would provide an opportunity for new techniques to be learned. The program would attempt to teach existing leaders skills and theories used to accomplish the most for a group and also to promote the emergence of new leaders.

Southworth hopes that the program will produce a constant leadership trend at the college, as opposed to the yearly cyclic turnover of good or poor leaders which usually exists at most other colleges.

"MWC has been lucky during the past few years due to an exceptional turnout of good leaders," said Southworth.

The student leadership program, except in concept, does not yet exist at MWC. But through cooperative efforts from administration and support from the students, Southworth and Baker hope to have one going full swing this fall.

# Boone Active At State Level

by KIRSTEN BROWN

Jennifer Boone, a business major and a member of the Student Association here at MWC, is also an active member of VASA, the Virginia Student Association. She is the Lobby Chairman of MWC's S.A., the Controller of VASA, a member of the Executive Council of VASA and the head of two committees.

As Controller, Boone is in charge of budgets, tax forms and allocations for VASA. She also helps set one to five year goals for VASA as a member of the Executive Council Boone heads two committees, a State Committee and a Campus and Local Affairs Committee.

VASA meets once a month and consists of 15 state, private and community colleges. The members discuss upcoming legislation in the General Assembly. Every year, VASA works on voter registration. VASA got smoke detectors put in every room in dorms throughout the state of Virginia and got a student on the Board of Visitors here at MWC.

A few weeks ago, Boone lobbied against the bill to change the drinking age in Virginia to 21. She spoke to some senators on the committee to pass the bill and argued that if people are old to enough to sign contracts, go to war and to marry, then they are responsible enough to drink. Other bills that Boone has lobbied against have been the Selective Service Bill and the Tenant Landlord Act.

This year Boone is in charge of the 1984 VASA Forum and annual convention to be held on the weekend of March 30th. The Forum will consist of panel discussions and guest speakers. The Forum will give students the opportunity to compare information about other colleges throughout the state.

Boone became active with government as a sophomore when she was Co-chairman of the State Lobby. She became Chairman of the State Lobby during her junior year. Boone's interest in politics began at a very young age when her father ran for a political office.

# Inaugural Set For Apr. 6-8

by CHRISTINE CONNELL

April 6, 1984 not only makes the traditional Devil-Goat Day at MWC but also the beginning of Inaugural Weekend as William M. Anderson, Jr. is sworn in as President of Mary Washington College.

Preparation for this weekend began last summer when a 19 member Inauguration Committee was formed. Under the direction of Dr. George M. Van Sant, the committee has been working to make this historic event a memorable one.

The official celebration will begin at 8:15 pm Friday, April 6, with opening ceremonies and a concert by the U.S. Army Blues Band. Both events are scheduled to take place in Dodd Auditorium.

Inaugural activities will continue on Saturday, April 7 shortly before 12:00 am with an academic procession down Campus Drive. The procession will include the President of the college, state officials, members of the board of directors, alumni officers, retired faculty, present faculty and the senior class.

At 11:00 am the Inaugural ceremony will begin with a speech given by Governor Charles S. Robb. Following the Governor's address, Anderson will be sworn in as the sixth MWC president and give his inaugural speech.

At 12:30 pm a receiving line will form in the Dome Room, followed by a luncheon for distinguished guests.

Later in the day MWC students will be able to greet their new president at a reception sponsored by the Student Association in Ball Parlor at 2:00 pm.

At 4:00 pm another reception for President Anderson, sponsored by the Alumni Association, will take place at Trench Hill.

Festivities for the day will end with the Inaugural Celebration in Anne Carter Lee Ballroom. This semi-formal celebration will include dancing and refreshments. The music will be provided by Jack Diamond and Friends. Although the Inaugural Celebration is open to everyone, admission is by ticket only. Two hundred free tickets, each admitting two people, have been allocated for MWC students and will be distributed in advance. Faculty members and guests will also receive tickets.

Due to the activities in ACL, the pub will be closed on Saturday night but a Heineken Kegger will take place in Seacobeck Basement.

On Sunday, April 8, guests, faculty and students are invited to the Battleground courts to support the MWC Men's tennis team versus Catholic University.

Other events scheduled for the Inaugural Weekend include an advanced showing of the Student Art Show and an exhibit entitled "Melchers in Holland" at Belmont.

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# Team Effort Brings Applicant Increase

by DEONA HOUFF

Mary Washington College has seen a 90 percent increase in its number of applicants since 1979. So far there has been a 12 percent increase since 1983, according to Conrad Warlick, Vice President for Admissions and Financial Aid, who attributes the jump to his staff and the school itself.

In 1979, 1,330 students applied to MWC. Admission was offered to 1,085 and 618 enrolled. In 1983, 2,448 students applied, 1,452 were accepted and 651 enrolled. Thus far in 1984, approximately 2,622 have applied.

In 1983, the average SAT scores of applicants were 472 verbal and 495 math. The average scores of those admitted were 506 verbal and 525

math. The average scores of those who enrolled were 500 verbal and 519 math.

"I can't believe we don't have a line all the way to the 14th Street Bridge waiting to see us," said Warlick. "We have the best of both worlds. We offer a distinguished 'private school' education at public school costs. We are unique among state supported institutions—small and high quality. We're different."

Warlick said his staff has done a fine job of informing prospective students about MWC's unique qualities. "Our staff knows the college extremely well. We have a superb admissions staff," he said.

Warlick added that he often hears that MWC's presentation at the various recruitment functions was the best one. The publications out of

the admissions office (brochures) have won several competitions.

Besides his full time staff, Warlick depends on three recent graduates, "admissions counselors," per fall to inform prospective students about MWC. Letters seeking such counselors for 1984 have already gone out to seniors, said Warlick. Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Jennifer Blair served as an admissions counselor, as did past Student Association president Anne Thompson.

Warlick also complimented the Admissions Club, saying he has received letters that praised the tour guides for being "nice and helpful." "We simply have a good team," said Warlick.

The increase in applicants has slowed the admissions process said

Warlick. Five years ago letters of acceptance were sent on Washington's Birthday. This year the staff is aiming for the first day of spring. Warlick likes to send things on special days. In the past, his office has sent Declarations to Continue on Valentine's Day.

The process is a lengthy one as every committee member carefully examines every application, said Warlick, whose office is currently littered with piles of applications waiting to be reviewed.

"We (the committee) are a group of people making human decisions on human terms," said Warlick. There is no SAT cutoff score and applicants are always considered on a combinations of things, said Warlick.

This year's committee includes

Warlick and faculty members Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Miriam Hoge, Associate Professor of Economics Robert Rycroft, Associate Professor of Sociology Joan Olson, Associate Professor Richard Warner and Assistant Professor of Mathematical Sciences Marie Sheckles, who is currently on leave. Steve Hampton, Assistant Professor of Psychology, chairs the committee.

The suggested filing date for applications was March 1. No applications were reviewed until that time. Warlick hopes to get some letters of acceptance out on March 20 so that some applicants will receive theirs on that first day of spring. The deadline for accepting enrollment is May 1.

## Active Admissions Staff Travels, Recruits Early

by RICHARD EHRLE

"We have to think quite far in advance," said Dr. H. Conrad Warlick, Vice-President for Admissions and Financial Aid in discussing the college's recruiting of prospective students. "We've already started the recruiting for August 1985 and have already ordered our student search," said Warlick.

Part of the advanced recruitment involves sending letters, making phone calls, and mailing offers out to prospective students. To determine which students might be qualified for Mary Washington, the admissions office initiates a student search. This involves looking at pro-

spective student's class rank, record and college board scores. The admissions office also searches prospective students by the program they are interested in, disregarding students who want to study specific programs which Mary Washington does not offer, such as engineering and architecture.

In recruiting students to MWC the admissions staff follows a planned program of travel from Boston to Miami, between the months of September and December. "It attends a number of college fairs in the spring in Boston, Hartford, Long Island and other places," said Warlick. At college day or night the school is represented by a profes-

sional staff member or in other cases by "admissions counselors," who are recent graduates hired for the specific purpose of travelling for MWC during the fall months.

In Virginia alone, the admissions staff travels on a ten week circuit beginning in the southwest of the state. "We visit local schools fairly early and by the last two weeks of September thirty schools in Northern Virginia have been visited," said Warlick.

Mary Washington competes against small private and against larger universities by advertising itself as a relatively small and residential coeducational undergraduate college. In order to

attract more male applicants all publications printed by the college refer to Mary Washington as MWC and prominently display as many men as women. Such is the case with the newly designed brochure for high school juniors, developed by Dr. Warlick. The brochure is a breakthrough, as no other college in Virginia has a brochure targeted

specifically to high school juniors.

In recruiting black students a special student search is initiated. A separate brochure on black students is mailed along with a prospective student application sheet. "Beyond this," said Warlick, "two different follow up mailings for black are sent and each application is followed with a personal letter."

## Scholarships Given For Need, Merit

by SUSAN LOYD

An area which is often overlooked, yet vital in the promotion of Mary Washington College is the scholarship program. Prospective MWC students and those already enrolled have a large number of merit based and need based scholarships available to them.

The major merit based scholarship offered to incoming freshmen is the MWC Regional Scholarship. In order to be eligible, a high school senior must be in the top ten percent of his class or have a score of 1000 or above on their SATs and be nominated by their guidance counselor. The scholarships are awarded by regional alumni committees which choose twenty students from Virginia's ten congressional districts and five students from out of state.

Those students who are selected by the alumni committees are awarded \$1500 per year, provided they maintain a GPA of 2.5 during their freshman year and 3.0 during all subsequent years.

To prospective and currently enrolled students who reside in the Virginia counties of King George, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Richmond, Lancaster, Essex or King and Queen, the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid automatically awards the Lalla Gresham Ball scholarship. In order to receive the \$800 award, those who qualify are notified by the Office and if interested must sign the award notice

and maintain at least a C average on all academic work.

A number of scholarships are available through the office of Admissions and Financial Aid for those strictly in need of financial aid. Included in this group is the Bushnell Scholarship, the Mary Washington College Anonymous Scholarships, State Scholarships, and the Martin Luther King Memorial Scholarship.

MWC also offers special scholarships which are not administered by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. The Aurelia B. Walford Scholarships in Music and the J. Binford Walford Scholarships in Architecture are two such awards. The Aurelia B. Walford Scholarships are available to music majors, while the J. Binford Walford Scholarships are available to those majoring in architecture-related majors such as art history, studio art and historic preservation.

Both scholarships offer maximum awards which may equal the in-state tuition and fees for a year at MWC.

Other special scholarships available include the World War Orphan's Education Benefits, the Biology Scholarship, the Lt. General Albert J. Bowley Scholarship Fund and the Lester D. Crow Scholarship for Student Teachers.

Any student interested in learning more about the above scholarships or others not mentioned should contact the Associate Dean for Financial Aid, Robert MacDonald.

Literature on all the scholarships available is in his office, GW 307.

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## Leadership Skills Promoted

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

A student leadership program to be geared toward the development of high-quality, innovative skills may soon be at Mary Washington College. The concept of such a program has just been recently approved by the Board of Visitors. Dean Joanne Southworth, with the help of Dean Bill Baker, has undertaken the task of formulating a program to suit the needs of MWC.

According to the written proposal

presented to the BOV, the leadership program would revolve around two specific purposes: 1) To assist in the development of personal qualities of leadership among students and 2) To enhance over all quality of campus life, through the improved effectiveness of various student organizations.

According to Dean Southworth, the leadership program would most likely incorporate programs already proven successful at the University of North Carolina with modifica-

tions to fit the different needs of our college.

Suggested elements for the possible program include an organization for students already in leadership positions, a club for campus organization officers, an organization for freshmen (potential leaders), the establishment of a credited course on "Developing Leadership" and the availability of a faculty advisor group for consultation concerning leadership programs.

Although many leadership positions are available throughout campus in organizations such as Class Council, the Student Association and various clubs, there has never been any formal leadership training available for these leaders, said Southworth.

While past and present campus leaders have learned about leadership largely through their own initiative, the leadership programs would provide an opportunity for new techniques to be learned. The program would attempt to teach existing leaders skills and theories used to accomplish the most for a group and also to promote the emergence of new leaders.

Southworth hopes that the program will produce a constant leadership trend at the college, as opposed to the yearly cyclic turnover of good or poor leaders which usually exists at most other colleges.

"MWC has been lucky during the past few years due to an exceptional turnout of good leaders," said Southworth.

The student leadership program, except in concept, does not yet exist at MWC. But through cooperative efforts from administration and support from the students, Southworth and Baker hope to have one going full swing this fall.

## Boone Active At State Level

by KIRSTEN BROWN

Jennifer Boone, a business major and a member of the Student Association here at MWC, is also an active member of VASA, the Virginia Student Association. She is the Lobby Chairman of MWC's S.A., the Controller of VASA, a member of the Executive Council of VASA and the head of two committees.

As Controller, Boone is in charge of budgets, tax forms and allocations for VASA. She also helps set one to five year goals for VASA as a member of the Executive Council Boone heads two committees, a State Committee and a Campus and Local Affairs Committee.

VASA meets once a month and consists of 15 state, private and community colleges. The members discuss upcoming legislation in the General Assembly. Every year, VASA works on voter registration. VASA got smoke detectors put in every room in dorms throughout the state of Virginia and got a student on the Board of Visitors here at MWC.

A few weeks ago, Boone lobbied against the bill to change the drinking age in Virginia to 21. She spoke to some senators on the committee to pass the bill and argued that if people are old to enough to sign contracts, go to war and to marry, then they are responsible enough to drink. Other bills that Boone has lobbied against have been the Selective Service Bill and the Tenant Landlord Act.

This year Boone is in charge of the 1984 VASA Forum and annual convention to be held on the weekend of March 30th. The Forum will consist of panel discussions and guest speakers. The Forum will give students the opportunity to compare information about other colleges throughout the state.

Boone became active with government as a sophomore when she was Co-chairman of the State Lobby. She became Chairman of the State Lobby during her junior year. Boone's interest in politics began at a very young age when her father ran for a political office.

## Inaugural Set For Apr. 6-8

by CHRISTINE CONNELL

April 6, 1984 not only makes the traditional Devil-Goat Day at MWC but also the beginning of Inaugural Weekend as William M. Anderson, Jr. is sworn in as President of Mary Washington College.

Preparation for this weekend began last summer when a 19 member Inauguration Committee was formed. Under the direction of Dr. George M. Van Sant, the committee has been working to make this historic event a memorable one.

The official celebration will begin at 8:15 pm Friday, April 6, with opening ceremonies and a concert by the U.S. Army Blues Band. Both events are scheduled to take place in Dodd Auditorium.

Inaugural activities will continue on Saturday, April 7 shortly before 11:00 am with an academic procession down Campus Drive. The procession will include the President of the college, state officials, members of the board of directors, alumni officers, retired faculty, present faculty and the senior class.

At 11:00 am the Inaugural ceremony will begin with a speech given by Governor Charles S. Robb. Following the Governor's address, Anderson will be sworn in as the sixth MWC president and give his inaugural speech.

At 12:30 pm a receiving line will form in the Dome Room, followed by a luncheon for distinguished guests.

Later in the day MWC students will be able to greet their new president at a reception sponsored by the Student Association in Ball Parlor at 2:00 pm.

At 4:00 pm another reception for President Anderson, sponsored by the Alumni Association, will take place at Trench Hill.

Festivities for the day will end with the Inaugural Celebration in Anne Carter Lee Ballroom. This semi-formal celebration will include dancing and refreshments. The music will be provided by Jack Diamond and Friends. Although the Inaugural Celebration is open to everyone, admission is by ticket only. Two hundred free tickets, each admitting two people, have been allocated for MWC students and will be distributed in advance. Faculty members and guests will also receive tickets.

Due to the activities in ACL, the pub will be closed on Saturday night but a Heineken Kegger will take place in Seacobeck Basement.

On Sunday, April 8, guests, faculty and students are invited to the Battleground courts to support the MWC Men's tennis team versus Catholic University.

Other events scheduled for the Inaugural Weekend include an advanced showing of the Student Art Show and an exhibit entitled "Melchers in Holland" at Belmont.

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JIM EMERY

# Emery's 'Bitch of the Week'

About a year ago, some people began calling this column "Emery's bitch of the week." Although not intended to be, this column often ended up being an outlet of frustration concerning many of MWC's policies.

It seems frustration is a daily part of life here, and probably everywhere else too. Frustration ranges from such small incidents as those tiny teaspoons they use at the salad bar in Seacobeck (which are always falling and sink into, the sour cream or tartar sauce) to issues like doubling the Declaration to Continue fee with minimum warning.

Our student leaders protest that there has been a lot of changes here in the last three and a half years, and for the most part, they are right. On the other hand there could have been a hell of a lot more done, if students had worked harder.

The pub is a showcase for the improved social life at MWC, and every one agrees that it has come a long way in three years. But since it has opened, students have been asking for later hours, to 1 or 2 AM on weekends.

Extended hours in the pub would help alleviate some big problems here. For one thing, it would give students something to do from 12 to 2 on weekend nights. Also, it would reduce the number of half-drunk students who drive to Giant or somewhere else to buy more beer. Finally, extended hours would keep dorm parties under control by avoiding the big crush that always occurs when the pub closes. Another

idiotcy is the MWC election system. In a country where the electoral system is based on one person/one vote, MWC is an aberration. Where else but Mary Washington is each person entitled to two votes? Of course there is a benefit to this. In a primary of three or more people, MWC students are allowed to vote for the candidate of their choice and the person they feel is least qualified or least popular. By voting for the unlikely winner, the student might knock the highly qualified main opponent of his favorite candidate out of the race.

And besides, who needs primaries? All that is needed is one election featuring all of the candidates. If no one achieves a majority, then a runoff could be held between the two finishers. Runoffs build interest and excitement, primaries breed apathy. Besides, in the real world only political parties have primaries. We don't have political parties and therefore don't need primaries.

As a senior, I can't help but take one last stab at visitation. For a policy instituted when men didn't live on campus, it sure hasn't changed much now that men are a substantial number of the residential students. Even 24-hour visitation is not really a change but rather is an extension of the present policy by seven hours on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Consider the irony: a male MWC student can just walk in and visit a male in a coed hall. Likewise, a female can visit a female in the same

manner. Also, a male who lives in a coed hall can visit a female in the same hall without being signed in. So why can't a male MWC student just walk in and visit a female in a coed hall without being signed in?

The visitation policy is discriminatory and derogatory. The policy assumes that MWC students are not mature enough to visit a member of the opposite sex without being highly regulated.

It is unfair to blame student leaders for lack of progressive

changes in the past few years. Most students have been unwilling to take on the additional responsibility that is necessary for greater freedoms. For example, only two dorms voted in favor of having 24 hour study rooms. This policy would have essentially extended 24 hour visitation to every student. Other dorms have voted against going coed, meanwhile there are not enough coed dorms for those who wish to live in them.

Class Council and S.A., while at times act arbitrarily, for the most

part act in accordance with student wishes. Students here have little interest in making policy changes. Many see college as a stop-over between high school and life or marriage, and consequently can be herded around like sheep. The legislative visit and the Declaration to Continue fee episodes are perfect examples. The administration realizes this and takes advantage of it. And that is the most frustrating part of all.

ANNE SAVOCA

## MWC Traditions Priceless

### Traditions

We still cannot locate his razor, but I did find his down coat under the piano where I left it. I guess he could grow a beard, nonetheless, we are still looking for the razor. He really disturbed a lot of people in the sub-basement when we attacked him and confiscated his shoe. We put it on the string with all the other lonely, single shoes. He didn't have to bruise me when we tried to get his keys. Too bad he had the bathroom key we could have had a little more fun.

The other one finally picked up his laundry basket today. We discovered sand in his sheets when we ripped them swiftly from the empty bed. I hope he recovered his shoe because the pair with band-aids over the front didn't look too sharp.

We even got his surfboard, and like it so much as part of our living room decor, we haven't given it back just quite yet. I'm sure we will soon.

The one without the surfboard, we got him good. We not only took all his underwear (though we later found out he hid a few pairs for emergencies) but nabbed a *GQ* magazine and a red water pistol that has a lot of power. I'll need that for the assassination game. We still have his alarm clock, and it works well. I hope he's been getting up on time, but I'm not overly concerned. At least he retrieved his black loafers. That was important to him. Too bad he had to wear two different shoes the day after we cleaned him out. He used to be such a nice dresser.

Over in Bushnell, we wiped out another one. We left him his Army

fatigue outfit-funny he never wore it. We also left him a damp short sleeve brown shirt. We only like dry clothes. He should've known that. He had nice socks and a nice roommate-who didn't see anything or anyone.

Yes some of them bruised. Some of them whined. Some of them made retaliatory threats. However, they all got clean underwear back to wear to Ring Dance.

Traditions: Halloweens, Beach Week, 84th Night, Devil-Goat day, 100th Night, Fall Formals, Spring Formals, Keg Parties, Christmas Bazaar, the Auction, Ring Week and more. Traditions are unique to small communities like Mary Washington. They create a special identity, a family bond and familiarity. Traditions are priceless.

DAVID MINOR

## Campus Legs Show Their Stuff

Photo by Janna Knight



Assistant Professor of Music David Long collects a souvenir at the "Legs Contest."

I remember how loudly everyone complained about the lack of campus entertainment during my freshmen year. Our fair institution of higher learning was known as a "suitcase campus." On the weekends you could hear the wind blow over the mundane murmurs of those discontents not lucky enough to procure a car for a road trip or bus ticket home. Certainly, there were some who made their own fun, and there were the C-Shop and the Pub (after spring of 1981) if you wanted to saturate your system with the legal intoxicant. Yet, in my three years here at MWC, I have noticed a blossoming of entertainment innovation. Organizations decide they would like to raise money or have a good time or both, and ideas sprout on how to do these important tasks. Examples of how this works can be found in the Roost with its mellow guitar-bar atmosphere, the revised keg party with its catering to both the tipling and teetotaling crowd, and last Thursday's Legs Contest with its racy overtones.

"Wait a minute," you may say to yourself, "this sounds like a sexist attempt at exploitation to me!"

If indeed it was a sexist attempt at exploitation, the sexists of either sex

were given equal time.

The males began their show at 9 p.m. I must admit have felt a little strange sitting and watching these 15 or so contestants run through their routines. (I guess you could call them routines, they weren't that good. Maybe subroutines would be better.) The lasting impression I received from the male contestants that testosterone in the blood must have a detrimental effect on an individual's grace. The Chippendale Dancers have nothing to fear from the Leg-men of MWC. I dare say there probably was as much ham as beef on that stage, but the female members of the audience ate it up anyway. (Actually, the guys probably weren't that bad, but I have a hard time making a fair judgment on those things meant for the opposite sex.)

At 10 p.m. the ladies got their chance to show their stuff. And show their stuff they did! The 20 or so contestants danced their way into the hearts (and possibly other places) of the audience and the judges. (By the way, I wonder if the wives of two particular judges knew where they were that night.) There were women of every variety: from the graceful to

the nearly graceful, from the tall to the small. The best ones did succeed in being quite entertaining. At least they go a rise out of the audience.

All in all, it was a fun little display. The emcee, Warren Arbogast narrated both shows with his usual wit, and the people at the pub, never to be left out, made their contribution by shouting instructions to the curtain pullers. The participants, judges and the crowd all seemed to be having a good time.

Let's face it, good old Mary Washington is a community in transition. The institution's contribution to the academic prowess of its students is as good as any in the state. The small college atmosphere gives a personal touch to the campus life. And now, innovation is taking over where it can do the most good: within the residence hall organizations. Bushnell Hall sponsored the event (would anyone else have dared?) which shows that a hall can (and will) do just about anything if its members set their minds to it. So Dean Bushnell rolls over a little and Rev. Whoever causes a fuss? So what if they don't do this stuff at Liberty Baptist College? This school may be able to study, but it can also party.



CHRIS GAY

# NYC Museum Offers Something for Everybody

This week's column is something of a travelogue. I discovered on a recent trip to the Northeast that the most fascinating place one could ever hope to visit is not the Metropolitan Museum or Rockefeller center or the Pyramids of Giza or any of those living postcards to which the tourists flock like mesmerized cattle. It is instead an inconspicuous establishment at (I hesitate to divulge what is apparently a well-kept secret) East 53rd Street in Manhattan and is known as The Museum of Broadcasting. It was established in 1975 by William S. Paley of CBS fame and is today a privately-funded treasure house of twentieth-century history, holding a great deal of the audio and visual record of the last sixty years.

It operates essentially as does a library: after giving a small donation, one can choose from a rather extensive card catalogue, an audio or video tape recording of most any significant event since the 1920's and, sitting at your own monitor, transcend for a while the limits of

time and space to view some distant and perhaps long-forgotten slice of history. It could be something as significant as the first Moon landing or just some obscure evening news broadcast from most any day in recent history.

I selected, at random given the overwhelming selection available, an old hour-long news show called "Town Meeting of the Word", an irregularly broadcast program from the 1960's which featured prominent political figures of the day responding to questions by various people from most any place on the globe. This particular one aired on May 17, 1967, as I recall, and featured Senator Robert Kennedy of New York and then-Governor Ronald Reagan of California facing off on a series of questions from students beamed in from London. That in itself is a reminder of how far broadcast technology had become accepted even by 177 years ago, when viewers could sit in their living rooms watching a conversation between a party in Sacramento, one in

New York, and another in London, presumably inured to sort of astonishment it must have felt only fifteen years before, when Edward R. Murrow tapped what was still referred to as the "magic of television" by showing them live, the two oceans at once.

Even the lamest sense of irony is pricked by these images: Kennedy, though long dead and consigned to the history books, appears as a vivid hologram, responding in his clipped New England tenor to the queries of students an ocean away, among them a young Rhodes scholar named Bill Bradley, who would one day have Kennedy's own Senate seat. Reagan, while never very quick on his intellectual feet, was surprisingly more articulate than he is today, and was moderately impressive in his evocation of monolithic communism, which even then drew laughter from the young scholars.

Kennedy appeared again in a tape one of my companions chose to watch. This time it was a panel discussion between himself and

Eugene McCarthy, both by this time (June 1, 1968) leading contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination. Again, hindsight invests the scene with a sense of tragic irony: because the event appears live, a peculiar and appealing quality of videotape, we watch with a prophetic sensation, knowing that Kennedy will be dead in four days time, and that McCarthy will lose the nomination to Hubert Humphrey and retire from politics the following year.

The museum is full of this sort of history and is significant because it is the first real institutionalization of television as historical record. It seems to presage the day when image of an event is as viable and widely accepted a form of documentation as the printed word. It is equally significant as testimony to the swiftness of change in our century, as well as to the extraordinary role television has played in that change; this fascinating if secluded monument is dedicated largely to a medium that barely existed even 35 years ago, in-

deed which many believe to be still in its infancy. As we embark upon the information age, it is easy to imagine such a place as the seedling for some future athenaeum whose patrons will define history in terms of the images that permeate nearly every aspect of late twentieth-century life. From the antics of ludicrous sitcoms and tacky game shows they might well infer that a vastly inferior race inhabited this continent and wonder why anyone would live in such a place. At the sight of some appalling newscast-rioting in Watts, in Washington, in Detroit, in Kent State, at anywhere-they might reason that an extremely violent race lived here, and wonder how.

Places like New York are said to have something for everybody. If they have something for me that must be true, and they have something for me so long as there is at least one place like this in existence like most of the good things in life: inexpensive, tantalizing and wonderfully obscure.

RAY MATALONI

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## Mother, I Have the Bomb

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"Mother, I have the Bomb."

"That's nice, dear. Now go wash up for dinner. Daddy will be home soon."

"I don't think you heard me, Mother. I said, I have the Bomb."

"I know, dear. Now run along. Dinner's almost ready."

"Flush dinner, Mother. I'm talking annihilation here. I have the potential to bring down civilization, tupperware and all. I have the Bomb."

"Yes, yes, dear. I'm glad. Hurry up now."

"You're not responding properly, Mother. Not at all. This is more urgent than the bell on the microwave. You should be horrified. And ready to act."

"Oh really. How cute."

"Cute? Cute, she says. I have the Bomb, Mother. I've learned more than I'm able to deal with."

"Did you remember to take your medicine today, sweetheart?"

"You're pissing me off, Mother. Do you hear me?"

"Of course, dear. Now run upstairs and wash up. Scoot!"

"Mother, I have..."

"Is that your father's car I hear in the driveway?"

There is a long pause.

"Mother, I want to..."

"Honey, I'm home!"

"We're in here, dear! In the kitchen! Now, where did that son of yours go?"

"Probably out in the shed, tinkering around."

Pause

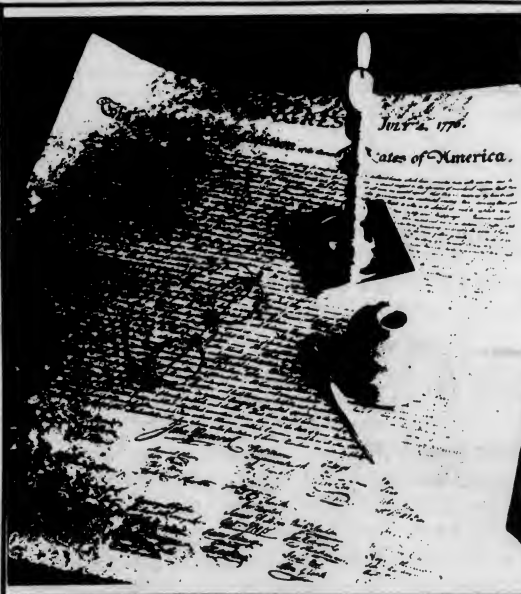
"What was that noise?"

"Probably the damn neighbors. I bet they're at it again."

"Yes, you're probably right."

"Dear, isn't it rather warm in here?"

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Found: A blue letter-type jacket at 84th Night. If you lost a jacket fitting this description, contact campus police.

There will be a Freshman Class meeting at 8:00 p.m. in ACL Ballroom on March 15. All Freshmen are urged to attend.

The Fredericksburg Singers will perform at 8:00 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium on March 14. This concert is free to the public.

## Personals...

LMM,  
Sorry I was such an ogre on Sunday. Thanks for all the help, as always you were great.

Love ya  
The Ass.

Sha  
How's the California Kid? You sure he doesn't have social diseases? At least he didn't have body acne. (That's for you, Janiel)

Me

Be a Big Bro' in Eighteen Fo' - Call Mr. Ray

KAH:  
Thanks anyway. Wasn't that time Fri and Sat.? Hell, we should have been at the ACC with the devils.

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BVH,  
A productive weekend to be sure. That was concentration, but I think we should do at least six more Denny O'Keefe songs- or perhaps a shanty. On toward Applesed!!

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# Is Beer the Key to Our Social Lives?

the Editor:

Learning about, loving, sharing (good and bad) with each other.

Life wasn't meant to be peachy-keen all of the time. Who are we trying to kid? We all have to face difficulties and struggles in addition to having fun and enjoying life. That's what builds character. It makes us strong, and it makes us depend on each other for support. We're all human, even though it's hard to admit sometimes. Why try to cover it

up: have courage to show the real you.

Can we get to know each other, be true friends by covering up ourselves in the "good feeling" of alcohol? Even so, it is only a temporary "good feeling" and many times that "bad feeling" is multiplied the next morning. (Is it worth it?)

As a fellow junior, writing in last week's *Bullet* issue, put it: *We juniors*

*drink so that by Saturday night we will be numb and not know or care about the bad things that happen during Junior Ring Week...It's here. It's here only once. We don't want to feel it if it hurts. We'll postpone the pain until Sunday. Is that what we think?—We don't want to know or care about the bad things, we don't want to feel it if it hurts, we will postpone the pain?*

Do we cover up ourselves, our per-

sonalities so that we are numb, not really knowing or caring? How do we respond to others, then, in a "social life"? We all have pain and hurts, so why not show it naturally rather than hiding in a false and "happy" world. It's only postponing the pain. If we deal with the bad as it comes, then we can also enjoy being with others and sharing with friends. If the time is "only here once," why make it superficial, unnatural?

When we go to a "social" event do we want to get to know, learn about, or share with someone false, or someone who is having a "good time" only because of the alcohol that's inside them? When the beer is gone, are they still your friends, someone whom you can share with, will listen to you, enjoys you for the "real" you?

I'll never forget my second semester freshman year. I went to keg parties or room parties every weekend and to the pub a couple nights each week, with my group of buddies. I loved all of these friends just as much as I do now, for being the people they are. However, it would make me so angry to see how my friends and others changed when they drank. They had to be the tough ones who could chug the cup of beer as long as you bounced the quarter in it (I was guilty of this), or they could pump more beers down their throats at one time using a beer bong. I also noticed the fights and arguments among friends. It hurt me to see two of my best friends, one of my roomies and her boyfriend, get into arguments anytime one of them drank in excess. They kept hurting themselves by pretending they were something spectacular, something different when they drank. They forgot how special they were as humans and friends when they weren't concealing their true personalities in alcohol.

Is "beer the apparent key to social life here," as David Minor suggested in his last column? I hope not. Think of it: a beer (or more than one) necessary for us to be caring, loving, friendly people. And even then, are we really being truthful with ourselves and others? We enjoy and care about people for who they are inside, deep down in their hearts, with the good and bad they experience. Eventually the "good feeling," the numbness, and the false mask wears out and it's Sunday.

Sincerely,  
Jessie L. Jones

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# Republicans Respond to Columnist

## WMWC Regrets Delay

the editor:

response to a recent article in *The Bulletin*, "Reagan Not a Shoo-in '84," by Chris Gay, I would like to point out some facts which contradict Mr. Gay's position.

First, in comparing the upcoming election to the Truman-Dewey election of 1948, Mr. Gay fails to recognize the fundamental changes in certain intangible factors that have occurred since 1948. In that year the Republicans and the Democrats were much alike. In the 1940's and 50's the Republican Party supported increased employment, compensation, increased social and security benefits and increased old age benefits. This was not a common philosophy of the Republican Party today. In the 48' election the Democrat Party split into branches—the Dixiecrats and the progressives—and the assumption was made this split would cause Truman a large number of votes. It cost him votes but not as many as expected. The United States was in this time in a state of economic prosperity much as it is today. Truman is an administration turned upside down in prosperous times. Truman made a considerable sweep the two weeks prior to the election not anticipated by the major polls. Gallup's Crossly ended polling two weeks before the election. One of every seven voters made up their minds the night before the election and three-fourths of those voters voted for Truman.

Though I will not guarantee that Reagan will, without doubt, win the election, I think the probability of a Reagan victory is high. This can be attributed to a number of factors including Reagan's outgoing personality, which will win him some votes. The President's appeal is

much like that of former Democratic President John Kennedy. The polls the article cites comparing the President to former Carter Vice-President Walter Mondale should not be used as an accurate measure of voter preference this early in the campaign. This statement is in reference to the articles point that the probable Republican nominee, leads the Democratic front-runner by two percentage points in an unknown poll. There are many polls, however, and they all differ. A CBS News poll shows President Reagan leading Mondale by a wide 48 percent to 32 percent margin. With these differing results, I do not feel we can make correct judgements on the voter reaction at this time.

Gay cites many "flaws" in Reagan's bid for re-election including conflicts between the rich and the poor... and the belief "...the incumbent has been unfair to the poor by favoring the rich..." Is Reagan insensitive to human needs and societies problems? Does he favor the rich instead of the poor? These are certainly not characteristics of a President whose 1985 budget includes an eight percent increase in social security and medicare and loop-hole closings totalling \$7.9 billion.

*The Bulletin* article also expresses the necessity of the democratic candidate to "make economic issues more important than Reagan's sunny personality." Let's look at the accomplishments of Reaganomics. Unemployment is down from 10.8 percent to 8 percent in January with an expected drop by decade's end to 5.7 percent. Interest rates are down from 16.5 percent to 10.5 percent (these figures from Feb 13 issue of *Time*). A 6.1 percent increase in GNP in 1983 and inflation fluctuating from 3.9 percent to 4.1 percent are

two other accomplishments of the Reagan economic policy. (Figures from *The Economist*, Feb. 4, 1984.) Of course, as Mr. Gay advises his readers, the deficit will be one of the major issues in this election. However, Mr. Edward Meadows tends to disagree as he remarks in *The National Review*, "polls say the voters don't give a damn about the deficit as long as the economy booms." In the December 27 issue of *Time*, Evan Thomas states that "the public has even less faith that the Democrats will balance the federal budget than that the Republicans will." Voters obviously feel that a balanced budget is not a major national objective since it ranked 13th on a *Time* poll. I must disagree that Reagan's economic policy is a bad issue for the incumbent and I think the facts mentioned here prove this as true.

I cannot except the accusation made by Mr. Gay that Reagan seems incompetent. The voters do not expect this either. In the Feb. 27 issue of *Newsweek* 71 percent of those surveyed found the President as an effective leader. I hardly find effective a synonym for incompetent. But even more surprising is the fact that Democratic front-runner Walter Mondale received only a 53 percent rating. As for Reagan's judgement in a crisis situation, 61 percent felt the President would use good judgement in a crisis situation as opposed to 48 percent for Mondale. Finally this poll does not agree with Gay's statement that Reagan lacks knowledge. Seventy-six percent of the people surveyed felt President Reagan was knowledgeable!!!

Finally, Gay promises a close election. Well, John McLaughlin's article in the March 9, 1984 issue of *The National Review* disagrees. He cites figures that at this present time, after polling the people of each state, a race with Reagan and Mondale as the two candidates would give a substantial victory to the incumbent. McLaughlin gives the President 384 Electoral votes (38 states) and Mondale 154 Electoral votes (12 states and the District of Columbia). Of course there is give and take and each may lose or gain a state, but the wide gap between the two is hard to ignore.

What I am suggesting to the reader is that though Ronald Reagan may not have the electoral votes on the board yet, the chances of them being there in November are good. I have presented the facts and I think, clearly expressed how the American public feels; we are pleased with Reagan and we want him for four more years.

Thank you,

Greg Waters writing a response from the College Republicans to the Feb. 28 article in *The Bulletin* entitled "Reagan Not a Shoo-in '84."

## Raves for Rogers

To the editor:

Despite the lack of the aesthetics, as mentioned in my previous letter, the poetry reading of March 6 featuring Pattian Rogers was nice. Hence if you missed this reading, then you missed an experience of

listening to someone that some might call-a living oracle; whose poetry was a poequence of heaven and earth, thought mated with rich glowing imagery.

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